

there may be place for so much the greater number of these particles to strike it at the same time, and so to render their impression more strong.

And that these odorant particles, which run with the Air into the Nose, in smelling, might not all forthwith pass off from thence into the breast: Nature by this *Labyrinth*, made by the windings of the *Lamelle*, hath taken care to give them an arrest and longer stay. And for the same reason, she hath furnished the said *Tunick* of the Nose with a great many small *Glands*, which open thereinto; and so moisten it with a thick and slimy exudation, the better to entangle the dry odorant particles.

This *Tunick* examined and compar'd in several Animals, shews also much of the reason of the *delicacy* of Smelling in some, above what it is in others. For look how much a finer Nose it is that Animals have, they have likewise so much a greater number of these *Lamelle*, wherewith the said *Tunick* is roll'd up in so many more folds. So the Nose of a Hound is better furnished with them, than that of any other Animals. The Hare, Fox, Cat, Wild Boar, have a considerable number of them. Those Animals that chew the Cud, have fewer. And Man is less provided for, than any of the rest. *Thus far the Learned Observer.*

And Note, That not only the number, but also the length of the *Lamelle*, is of great use for the strength of Smelling. For which purpose most *Quadrupeds*, which either hunt, as the *Carnivorous*; or at least want reason otherwise to distinguish their food, than by the smell, as the *Graminivorous*; have their Nose not placed in the middle of the face, as in Man; but prolonged to the very end.

Observations of some Animals, and of a strange Plant, made in a Voyage into the Kingdom of Congo: by Michael Angelo de Guattini and Dionysius of Placenza, Missionaries thither. Extracted out of the Journal des Scavans.

IN *Brazeil*, there are certain little Animals, by the Author call'd *Poux de Pharaon*, which enter into the feet betwixt the skin and the flesh. They grow in one day as big as Beans. And if they are not presently drawn out, they

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make an unsupportable Ulcer, and all the foot corrupts.

In the Kingdom of *Congo*, there are *Serpents* twenty five foot long, which will swallow at once a whole Sheep. The manner of taking them is thus: When they lie to digest what they have eaten, they stretch themselves forth in the Sun: which the *Blacks* seeing, kill them. And having cut off their Head and Tail, and embowel'd them, they eat them; and ordinarily find them as fat as Hogs.

There are here a great number of *Ants*, and of that bigness, that the Author reports, that being one day sick in his bed, he was forced to order himself to be carried out of his room for fear of being devoured by them. As it often happens to those of *Angola*: where you may also find in the morning, the Skelitons of *Cows* devoured by these *Ants* in one night.

Amongst other fair Fruit Trees in *Brazeil* there is one, whose Fruit is called *Niceffo*: which hath this remarkable, that it hath but two Leaves; whereof each is able to cover a man.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Edmund Pitt, Alderman of Worcester, a very knowing Botanist; concerning the Sorbus Pyriformis.

LAST year I found a Rarity growing wild in a Forest of this County of *Worcester*. It is described by *L'Obelius* under the name of *Sorbus Pyriformis*: as also by *Mathiolus* upon *Dioscorides*. And by *Bauhinus*, under the name of *Sorbus Procera*. And they agree, that in *France*, *Germany*, and *Italy* they are commonly found. But neither These, nor any of our own Country-men, as *Gerard*, *Parkinson*, *Johnson*, *Hew*, nor those Learned Authors *Merret* or *Ray*, have taken notice of its being a Native of *England*. Nor have any of our *English Writers* so much as mention'd it. Saving, that Mr. *Lyte*, in his Translation of *Dodonæus*, describes it under the name of the *Sorb-Apple*. But saith no more of the place, but that it groweth in *Dutch-Land*.